July 24, 2020

Dear Keeneyville District 20 Families,

As you know, District 20 has been developing a plan for the return to school for 2020-21 in a way that meets our primary goal to protect the health and safety of our students, staff, and families. The ESD20 Return to Learn Plan was presented during last night’s Virtual Special Board of Education Meeting, which had 200 virtual attendees. The presentation video and slide show is available at https://www.esd20.org/return-to-learn. We ask you to please take the time to view the Return to Learn Plan presentation to give you an understanding of what school will look like for our students and to help you make your Learning Choice for your child(ren).

Beginning Monday, we ask all of our families to take the next step for returning to learn by making a personal Learning Choice for your child(ren) for the entire first trimester. You will be committing your student to attend In-Person Learning or Enhanced Remote Learning from 8/20/2020 to 11/6/2020. All Families must submit a Learning Choice for each student during “Learning Choice Week” from Monday, July 27 at noon to Friday, July 31 at 5pm:

1. Go to Skyward Family Access and log-in as you normally would for your family.
   *If you are a New or Kindergarten family, or if you are unable to access Skyward, please contact your school office for paper forms.

2. Go to “Online Forms” and select the Learning Choice Trimester 1

3. You must answer 3 questions:
   (1) Will your student attend In-Person Learning or Enhanced Remote Learning for the first trimester? Both options will be five days each week, 8:30am-2:30pm for elementary and 7:45am-1:45pm for middle school.
   (2) If you selected In-Person Learning and you are eligible for district-provided transportation, will you use that transportation?
   (3) If you selected Enhanced Remote Learning, you must review and complete a Parent/Student Enhanced Remote Learning Agreement. You will need to open the Agreement separately, go to Online Forms.

We know that due to the pandemic, the situation is not “ideal” for any of our students. We also know that there is still a great deal of planning to do before the start of school. In addition, you likely have many questions. Please send us your questions and concerns via the website at https://www.esd20.org/return-to-learn/questions-concerns or email to info@esd20.org. We will compile a regularly updated list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and responses and share on the district website. We will also release a complete Return to Learn Plan Document in the coming weeks, containing detailed information, policies, and procedures for the fall.

It is important to remember that our Return to Learn Plan is based on current guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Public Health. We expect that additional guidance and updates will likely be released, which may require us to adapt or alter the reopening plan. We will keep you informed should we learn more.

We also want to remind families that they still need to register for 2020-2021 at https://www.esd20.org/registration. There will be no registration fees through July 31 (technology fees still apply). The regular registration fee of $150 will be reinstated on August 1.

We are looking forward to our District 20 students returning to learn this fall!

Sincerely,

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